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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 7 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 1-6 and 8-22 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 31 January 2005 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some * c) None of:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ |
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| | 6) <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgment is made in the receipt of the priority papers and the preliminary amendment filed January 31, 2005 and the oath filed December 2, 2005.

Specification

2. Applicant is reminded of the proper language and format for an abstract of the disclosure.

The abstract should be in narrative form and generally limited to a single paragraph on a separate sheet within the range of 50 to 150 words. It is important that the abstract not exceed 150 words in length since the space provided for the abstract on the computer tape used by the printer is limited. The form and legal phraseology often used in patent claims, such as "means" and "said," should be avoided. The abstract should describe the disclosure sufficiently to assist readers in deciding whether there is a need for consulting the full patent text for details.

The language should be clear and concise and should not repeat information given in the title. It should avoid using phrases which can be implied, such as, "The disclosure concerns," "The disclosure defined by this invention," "The disclosure describes," etc.

The phrase "means" appears in line 8 and should be deleted.

Claim Objections

3. Claims 1, 7, 15, 18 and 22 are objected to because of the following informalities: numerous spelling errors are present in the claims, in particular see claim 1 lines 6 and 20; claim 7 line 3; claim 15 lines 4 and 5; and claim 22 line 4; claim 18 line 3, the phrase "(eg. axially spaced ribs)" should be deleted; in addition it is recommended that the applicant change the recitation "cable inner" to "inner cable" as recited in claims 1, 19, 21, and 22. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

4. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

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5. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

6. Claim 7 recites the limitation "the internal shoulder" in lines 3-4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

7. Claim 7 recites the limitation "the sleeve" in line 4. There is insufficient antecedent basis for this limitation in the claim.

8. Regarding claim 7, it is unclear as to which of the plurality of sleeves that the recitation "the sleeve" is intended to reference.

Allowable Subject Matter

9. Claims 1-22 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the objection(s) set forth in this Office action.

10. Claim 7 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection(s) under 35 U.S.C. 112, 2nd paragraph, set forth in this Office action.

11. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: the prior art of record fails to anticipate or render obvious the end portion cable being subsequently moveable away from the backplate within the tube to a second position in which the latching formation on the cable inner (or cable inner 13 as disclosed in the specification) is fully connected with the operating lever.

Conclusion

12. The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure. Dussault, Jaksic, Shellhouse, Asai, and Asai (JP '207) each teach a cable operated

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drum brake, wherein a cable is passed through a cable attachment tube to a point of contact between the tube a cable sleeve, whereupon a fastening means locks the cable in position.

Wieger and Petiot (FR '217) teach a cable operated drum, wherein a cable is fastened into a fixed position. Petiot (FR '863) was cited in the European search report.

13. Any inquiries concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thomas Williams whose telephone number is 571-272-7128. The examiner can normally be reached on Wednesday-Friday from 6:00 AM to 4:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Robert Siconolfi, can be reached at 571-272-7124. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 571-272-6584.

**THOMAS J. WILLIAMS
PRIMARY EXAMINER**

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October 25, 2007

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